I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office, facsimile no. (703) 872-9306, on the date shown below.

Dated: January 7, 2004

Docket No.: 495152000111

(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 0 7 2004

In re Patent Application of:

Hni WANG

Application No.: 09/837,911

Filed: April 18, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: W. Leader

For: PLATING APPARATUS AND METHOD

## **AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Group Art Unit 1742 Commissioner for Patent P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 9, 2003 (Paper No. 10) for which a response is due on January 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, and the new claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.